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Keith Kelly, a native of Red Lodge, Montana, is the Administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). As Administrator, Mr. Kelly reports to the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, and is responsible for the administration of farm commodity programs, agricultural credit programs, and certain disaster and Federal crop insurance programs.

In 1990, Mr. Kelly served as the first Director of the newly-created Arizona Department of Agriculture. He was appointed by Governor Rose Mofford and was reappointed by Governor Fife Symington in 1991. Under the direction of the Arizona State Legislature, he consolidated four autonomous state agencies into a unified, cabinet-level department with 450 employees and an appropriated budget of approximately \$13 million. Mr. Kelly was instrumental in the adoption of a bilateral, livestock health agreement with the state of Sonora, Mexico, and he has actively promoted the North American Free Trade Agreement as a member of the Arizona-Mexico Commission. He negotiated the first official boxed-beef agreement for Arizona processors in the Mexican states of Sonora and Sinaloa in 1996-97. He was appointed by Secretary Glickman and U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor to the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee in 1995. Following in the footsteps of his grandfather (Commissioner of Agriculture, 1939-1941), Mr. Kelly served as Director of Montana's Department of Agriculture (1983-1988), after serving two years as deputy director. From 1976 to 1980, he served as Administrative Assistant for Agriculture and Natural Resources for Montana's Governor's Office. He is past chairman of the National Governors Association Staff Advisory Council for Agriculture.

From 1972 to 1974, as a marketing specialist for the Montana Wheat Commission; he developed the first toll-free Grain Market News Service in the United States; and from 1974 to 1976, he was assistant director of Western Wheat Associates, based in Washington, D.C., where he developed marketing plans for U.S. wheat producers.

Mr. Kelly was raised on his parents' sheep and cattle ranch in Red Lodge. He attended Montana State University where he received a B.S. degree in Agricultural Business in 1968 and an M.S. degree in Economics/Agricultural Economics in 1973. He served in the U.S. Army Infantry, 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star.

Mr. Kelly and his wife, the former Norma Jean Walsh of Butte, Montana, are the parents of four children.